INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant : Morton et al.

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For : DISPOSABLE FLUID LOOP FOR

INTRADUCTAL FLUID ASPIRATION

SYSTEM

Examiner : Jonathan M. Foreman

Art Unit : 3736

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application is a PTO/SB/08 Equivalent listing 21 references to be considered by the Examiner. Identification herein is not an admission that the cited references are prior art to the above-captioned application.

Co-Pending Applications of Assignee

Applicants wish to draw the Examiner's attention to the following co-pending applications of the present application's assignee and to their respective publications, listed as Nos. 19-21 on the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement. Furthermore, Nos. 9 and 12-18 are issued patents of the present application's assignee.

Applicants direct the Examiner to the above tabulated references, and to their associated prosecution history, for the Examiner to consider, now and in the future, whether the subject matter claimed, as well as the associated prosecution history, may be relevant to the patentability of the present application (e.g., for reasons of obviousness-type double patenting). Applicants believe that the Examiner has access to the patents and pending applications and the file histories through the Patent Office (e.g., the IFW system). Accordingly, Applicants have not provided a copy of the references or the file histories, but would be happy to do so now or in the future, should the Examiner so request.

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a final action and before the mailing of a Notice of Allowance. This Statement is accompanied by the fees set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or to credit any overpayment to Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted.

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